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## SYSTEM

# Regent shared private student files

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During the complex process required to fulfill Regent Wallace Hall's massive open records requests to the University, Hall was mistakenly given access to private student information — possibly in violation of federal privacy acts — according to testimonies of several UT System lawyers at a House hearing Tuesday.

Testimonies were given as part of the House committee's ongoing investigation

into the recent behavior of Hall, trying to determine if he overstepped his boundaries as regent.

In her testimony, Francie Frederick, who serves as the general counsel for the UT System Board of Regents, said regents must be "diligent in seeking information." If a regent requires information protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, they must have a valid, job-related reason in order to see it, Frederick testified.

"I'm not a FERPA expert,

but my understanding is that the regent must have a legitimate educational interest to see FERPA [documents], something related to the regent's duties," Frederick said.

Frederick said over the course of reviewing documents, Hall came across a chain of emails he should not have been allowed to see.

"It had not been determined in advance that [Hall] had legitimate educational interest," Frederick said. "No

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Francie Frederick, general counsel member for the UT System Board of Regents, testified Tuesday morning.

## CAMPUS

# Standoff subject will seek PTSD treatment

By Lizzie Jespersen  
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Gene Vela, public affairs graduate student and suspect in an armed stand-off Sunday with the Austin Police Department, plans to receive Veteran Affairs treatment following his arrest, according to his lawyer, Adam Reposa.

Vela, a Marine Corps veteran who served in Iraq in 2002, was taken into custody the day after being shot in the torso by police. He was shot after allegedly aiming a handgun equipped with a laser at two policemen through his apartment window in North Campus. Police were originally summoned to his apartment following a 911 call from a friend of Vela's.

"I got shot, I shook it off; they could shoot me ten times, and I won't care," Vela said in an official statement, according to Reposa.

Reposa said Vela has been strained by post-traumatic stress disorder, and psychological stressors have affected his recent decisions.

"He is an honest, intelligent and hardworking human being," Reposa said. "Obviously, this is all a terrible misunderstanding. He served our country. I'm sure this will all get worked out."

In February 2012, Vela was charged with the misdemeanor of unlawful carrying of a weapon while drunk. In the affidavit for his arrest, Vela's brother, Jason Vela, said Gene Vela acts aggressively while

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## ART

# Social justice functions as artist's muse

By Lauren L'amie  
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Wura-Natasha Ogunji is an artist concerned with much more than brushstrokes and proper studio lighting.

Based in Lagos, Nigeria, and Austin, Ogunji studies body movement and public performance art as a means to provide social awareness. From video art installations and public performances, Ogunji's works are a commentary on social order — often bringing into question the idea of justice.

In her ongoing work as an artist-in-residence at UT, Ogunji helped form the Institute for Performing Justice. She works in collaboration with a team of professors, including assistant theater professor Megan Alrutz and women's and gender studies' librarian Kristen Hogan.

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Performer ruby onyinyechi amanze and artist Wura-Natasha Ogunji will perform "beauty" at the West Mall on Wednesday afternoon. "beauty" includes African-American women from different backgrounds being brought together by their hair.

## UNIVERSITY

# Conservation program cuts energy costs

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UT Facilities Services' Energy and Water Conservation Program recently launched several initiatives to decrease energy spending over the next seven years, totaling roughly \$43 million annually.

UT President William Powers Jr. appointed a committee to reduce UT's water and energy consumption by at least 20 percent by 2020. According to Stephanie Perrone, one of Facilities Services' four energy stewards, UT is well on its way to reaching that goal. Since the program formed in 2009, UT has lowered its energy use by 7.8 percent and saved over \$2.3 million in energy costs.

"We need a 12.2 percent reduction over the next seven years, which seems really possible," Perrone said.

The bulk of funds UT spends on energy goes toward chilled water and steam, which are used to



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Energy steward Meagan Jones shares energy conservation techniques for the office and the lab at Conservation Conversations, a series of speaker events related to sustainability.

heat and cool the buildings.

"About half of our energy use at UT goes directly to air conditioning and about a quarter of it goes to heating up the buildings," energy steward Matt Stevens said.

Chilled water, electricity and steam for every

building on campus is supplied year-round by the Hal C. Weaver Power Plant. The plant burns natural gas to produce electricity and uses the heat produced in the process to generate steam.

Facilities Services is working to expedite the

decrease in energy consumption by involving students in its efforts. Stevens said students help by taking part in initiatives such as Longhorn Lights Out, a campus-wide event where

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## CAMPUS

# Ransom Center reveals new digital collections

By Alyssa Mahoney  
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The Harry Ransom Center unveiled its new digital collections earlier this week, putting digitized versions of 14 collections online.

The collections were spearheaded by digital collections librarian Elizabeth Gushee and included collaborations with curators. The project was funded in part by the Booth Heritage Foundation.

Gushee said the collection gives people access to resources they would not have otherwise.

"People don't have to travel to Texas," Gushee said. "We'd love for them to visit the Ransom Center, but if they can't for financial reasons or whatever, they can access these collections online."

Gushee said the digitized collections can reunite documents, which may be separated among multiple research centers or libraries.

"If something is online, it's portable — you can take

it with you, you can add it to other things, you can point your friends to it," Gushee said. "It makes people more aware of the really unique content that these special collections libraries have."

Performing arts librarian Helen Baer said the study of popular entertainment in the past few years has increased.

"Scholars are increasingly demanding materials in a digital format — not just texts, but also images," Baer said. "That [interest] has skyrocketed in the past ten years."

Leslie DeLassus, a research fellow at the Ransom Center, said she is working on a dissertation focusing on a collection about Norman O. Dawn, a special effects cinematographer. DeLassus said the recent digitization of the collection allows her added flexibility because she knew she could return to view the materials if she encountered a

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Correction: In a photo that ran on the front page of the Nov. 12 issue of The Daily Texan, the caption misstates the location and nature of the event. The location was the Chattanooga River in Chattanooga, Tenn. The team is rowing down the river on a practice run before the Head of the Hooch Regatta.

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Steven Beck (left) and other tourists take a segway tour of Austin on Tuesday afternoon.

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determination was made, [the emails] were in the files, and he saw them.”

According to Frederick, Hall saw the emails after a series of untraditional moves were made in order to fulfill his “massive requests for information.” Because Hall’s requests were so large, University employees turned documents over to System lawyers with the understanding that System employees would redact private information. In her testimony, Frederick said the System employees failed to redact such information in at least a few cases.

“If I were replaying this, we would not hand one document to Regent Hall before someone in my office actually looked at it,” Frederick said. “I think we failed him by allowing this to happen.”

Frederick said her office could not have foreseen the problems that arose as a result of the unexpectedly sizeable requests.

“I don’t think when it started out there was any intention to be disruptive,” Frederick

said. “I don’t think anyone could’ve predicted the volume and the spin-off requests.”

Frederick said regents are legally barred from sharing protected documents with outside parties, even if they have demonstrated educational purposes. Despite this legal barrier, Frederick said Hall shared emails containing FERPA-protected information with his private attorneys. Though Hall was required to return the emails, no other steps were taken.

Representative Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, motioned to have Rusty Hardin, legal counsel to the committee, review Hall’s actions in sharing confidential documents and determine whether Hall committed a crime. The motion passed unanimously.

“I take it they want us to look at and to see if it’s a matter that ought to be referred to prosecuting authorities,” Fischer said after the hearing.

Barbara Holthaus, the

UT System’s senior attorney and privacy coordinator, said FERPA regulations are not always clearly defined. According to Holthaus, UT System handled Hall’s exposure to information protected by FERPA in the correct manner.

“The remedy under FERPA is to make a concerted effort to get the document returned, ascertain that you have gotten all copies of it and remind the individual that it was given to them in error,” Holthaus said. “The nature of FERPA is that it’s very confusing ... FERPA is not a black and white kind of proposition.”

In his testimony, Daniel Sharphorn, general counsel for the UT System, directly contradicted a statement made by Kevin Hegarty, chief financial officer and custodian of records at UT.

At the first committee hearing, Hegarty said the UT System denied him the opportunity to seek outside counsel while his office was

dealing with Hall’s requests. Sharphorn denied this claim at Tuesday’s hearing.

“I went through every email that I have, and I asked one of our office assistants to do the same,” Sharphorn said. “There was nothing in our systems where Mr. Hegarty was asking for outside counsel.”

Sharphorn also provided an explanation for reminding Barry Burgdorf, who resigned as general counsel in April, that attorney-client privilege was still in effect before his testimony in October.

Sharphorn said he reached out to Burgdorf at Hall’s request.

“I did not think of [Hall’s request] as a directive,” Sharphorn said. “I did it because he was right.”

At the end of the meeting, the board unanimously voted to issue subpoenas to Powers and System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa. Their testimony is scheduled for Dec. 18.

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drunk and commented on Gene Vela’s probable PTSD.

According to Reposa, alcohol was not likely a factor in the standoff Sunday.

“I don’t think that anybody thinks that he got drunk and that this is related to him going out and getting drunk,” Reposa said. “It’s quite the opposite, that the same things that lead him to get drunk lead him to this behavior. Drinking is the symptom, not a cause.”

According to Reposa, Vela is in good spirits and will seek trauma treatment for PTSD through Veteran Affairs.

PTSD is a reaction to one or more highly stressful events outside the range of normal human experiences that may manifest itself in several ways and is often accompanied by depression, anxiety and substance abuse, according to Student Veterans Services director Ben Armstrong. An estimated one in every five of all military personnel returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have PTSD, according to Heal My PTSD. On campus, there are about 600 veterans within the student body and more than 2,000 people who are either veterans or veteran dependents.

“PTSD is actually a normal process that people go through in response to an extraordinary event or trauma,” said Jane Bost, UT Counseling and Mental Health Center associate director. “These are ordinary things. It is how the body protects the person from the events.”

Vela’s mother, Karen Emerson, said Vela has had more difficulty since his return from the war.

“It’s still very traumatic for me,” Emerson said. “I just wanted to make sure he was okay ... He would not ever intentionally hurt anyone.”

Wayne Vincent, Austin Police Association president, said incidents of armed standoffs have been increasing in Austin. As part of standard procedure, police are required to take an administrative leave following use of deadly force.

“It seems like every few months we’re going out where an officer was forced to use some kind of deadly force,” Vincent said. “It’s very unsettling and certainly nothing an officer wants to go through.”

As the University waits for information on Vela’s case, Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly said UT’s thoughts and prayers are with Vela.

“Our main concern is for the health and well-being of our students,” Reagins-Lilly said. “We are dedicated to helping support our students through difficult times through a wide range of resources within the Division of Student Affairs.”

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Clayton Christopher, creator of Sweet Leaf Tea and Deep Eddy Vodka, spoke about his entrepreneurial experiences as part of the Entrepreneurship Live series Tuesday evening.

# Owner shares recipe for success

By Anna Daugherty  
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Clayton Christopher, creator of Sweet Leaf Tea and Deep Eddy Vodka, spoke to a room of entrepreneurial students and faculty Tuesday. Christopher shared his experiences about the early days of Sweet Leaf Tea, when he used crawfish pots that he filled with garden hoses to brew his tea. Christopher used \$10,000 from his personal savings to start the company before Nestle invested \$15.6 million in it. “It was actually the biggest blessing to start with no money,” Christopher said. “It taught me to be a lot more resourceful and pinch every penny as if it were my last.”

During Christopher’s presentation, he recalled the “not good old days” of creating the company. “There were numerous times when I could have walked away from that business and thrown the keys in, and I would have,” Christopher said. “And I don’t say that in a proud way.” Entrepreneurs should develop a strong vision and a list of values to help guide them through difficult situations, Christopher said. “I had to shut down Sweet Leaf Tea at one point,” Christopher said. “I had to let everyone go. Right and wrong are not always black and white. Oftentimes the right thing to do may be what it’s going to take to keep the business alive. I had to make a lot of tough decisions.”

Christopher is now a mentor at the Austin Incubation Station for start-up companies. Christopher said he wants to help companies avoid some of the mistakes he made while starting Sweet Leaf Tea. “I wanted to help small companies grow and have the right mind set,” Christopher said. “It’s fun to create value; it is fun to see advice you give cause big decisions. I love business — it’s a game.” Nicholas Spiller, rhetoric and writing senior, helped coordinate the event. Spiller said he hopes to help foster the entrepreneurial community at UT even after he graduates. “Austin is great for entrepreneurs,” Spiller said. “It’s the inclusiveness — everyone wants to help.” Christopher said Austin

is a brand that expands beyond Texas. “Austin is like the Switzerland of Texas,” Christopher said. “I label my products with ‘Austin, Texas’ because I’m proud to be from Austin.” The talk focused on Christopher’s experiences and how other entrepreneurs can learn from them. It was part of the Entrepreneurship Live series coordinated by Laura Kilcrease, former Red McCombs School of Business Entrepreneur-in-Residence. “We needed to mingle students and faculty in the school with entrepreneurs in our community,” Kilcrease said. “Entrepreneurship Live presents a serial entrepreneur who has cashed out or sold at least one business.”

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participants turn off lights and power down equipment for one hour on a specified date and time. “We have about 40 student volunteers who go around and turn off lights for us; that’s one of the best ways students can help out,” Stevens said. Another new initiative, Conservation Conversations, is a series of speaker events designed to educate and engage the community on issues relating to sustainability. “The more communication we have with the public, the more we’re going to see people change their energy consumption habits,” Perrone said.

Perrone said the energy usage reduction can be attributed to several variables, including increased capital renewal and replacement projects, Utilities and Energy Management efforts to reduce steam and chilled water, the Replacement and Renewal program realignment to replace antiquated systems and increased maintenance efforts. “Typically, our usage increases by 3.8 percent every year because we’re always growing the campus,” Perrone said. “But last year was the first year it actually decreased — even with the growth on campus.”

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| 5. Biological Laboratories         | 10. Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center |

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research problem. “Halfway through my visit, the material I was viewing gave me a new idea about my work,” DeLassus said. “I then was able to write this idea down, set it aside, knowing I can return to the material with this idea in mind.” Gushee hopes to incorporate new tools such as Mirador, which would allow researchers to compare images of drafts side by side for close analysis. DeLassus said materials such as advertising, publicity material and lobby cards are especially important to her work because Dawn’s films no longer exist. “I had the privilege of

“Scholars are increasingly demanding materials in a digital format, — not just texts, but also images.” —Helen Baer, Performing arts librarian listening to audio recordings of an interview with Norman Dawn available locally in an audio booth,” DeLassus said. “I would love to be able to access that material again remotely in the case that something I gain from the digitized material might motivate me to revisit the interviews.”



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EDITORIAL

Conservation is the best plan for Texas’ water future

*Editor’s Note: On Nov. 5, Texas voters overwhelmingly approved the creation of a permanent fund for water infrastructure projects, as well as a \$2 billion initial investment in that fund. State political leaders, including Gov. Rick Perry, hailed the vote as a major victory: In a statement, Perry said that the people of Texas had “made history, ensuring we’ll have the water we need to grow and thrive for the next five decades, without raising taxes.”*

*But while we’re just as pleased that Proposition 6 passed, it doesn’t solve the problem of water scarcity in one stroke. To put it in baseball terms, Texas didn’t just win the World Series, or even an important regular season game. We just started the 1st inning on Opening Day.*

*That’s because the state constitutional amendment was simply a decision to spend billions of dollars on water management. It said nothing about what specific projects would receive funding. In the years to come, the decision of which projects to finance will be one of the most contentious and long-running issues in state history. With that in mind, this is the second in a series of editorials outlining our concerns and predictions for how this issue will develop in the future. Check out the first, which focused on the extent of the governor’s control over the new fund, at [www.dailytexanonline.com](http://www.dailytexanonline.com).*

At the election night party celebrating Prop. 6’s passage, State Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, the Senate Natural Resources Committee chairman and one of the architects of the State Water Implementation Fund, wasted no time in attempting to offend both environmentalists and supporters of traditional methods of water management. “Unfortunately, Texas is becoming way, way too dependent on Mother Nature,” Fraser

said. “We’re not going to ignore reservoirs. We’re going to continue to build them. But we’ve got to do things that are ‘Mother Nature-proof.’”

In general, we disagree with Fraser that Mother Nature is an adversary to be conquered. But he’s right that reservoirs are often not the best solution to drought. They drown useful and/or environmentally important land, are extremely susceptible to evaporation and wreak havoc on already-vulnerable river systems. He’s also right to call for the Texas Water Development Board to “think outside the box.”

We’d go one step further. As the TWDB chooses which projects to fund, it should prioritize conservation as much as possible, as opposed to reservoirs, pipelines and other traditional projects that simply move the water around without doing anything to curb its inefficient consumption. The legislation that created Prop. 6 mandates that at least 20 percent of the SWIFT funding be spent on “conservation and reuse.” It never defines those terms, however, making that target more of a suggestion than a rule unless more explicit requirements are imposed.

The problem isn’t that Texas is too dependent on nature; humans are always going to be dependent on nature whether we like it or not. The problem is that living beyond our means and exploiting the state’s water resources faster than they can be replenished is exactly what got us into this crisis in the first place. That’s what needs to change.

Several conservationist measures in Texas are already achieving success. A wastewater recycling program on the Trinity River, which supplies much of Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston,



Program coordinator of Irrigation and Water Conservation Markus Hogue looks at UT-Austin’s water-conserving irrigation system in 2012.

**Pu Ying Huang**  
Daily Texan Staff

allows millions more to rely on the river water than if it were still being used as unsustainably as before. And UT-Austin reduced its water use for irrigation by 66 percent after a state-of-the-art upgrade to the nation’s largest water-conserving sprinkler system in 2012, according to UT’s irrigation and water conservation coordinator Markus Hogue.

These are not only more environmentally-friendly solutions to the problem, they’re also cheaper over the long term as water becomes more and more expensive. We’ll need many more like them in the decades to come.

The problem with a wholly conservationist fix, however, is that it’s incompatible with Texas’ projected population and economic growth. The TWDB’s 2012 State Water Plan estimates that the state’s population will nearly double by

2060, without a concurrent rise in water resources. No amount of wastewater recycling plants or efficient sprinklers can make that population problem go away.

But what that discouraging figure tells us is not that we need to fight harder to maintain that level of growth, it’s that we need to accept the fact that this massive, arid state simply can’t sustain a population of nearly 50 million and one of the nation’s largest economies. Investing in conservation, rather than massive, expensive projects that simply move existing resources around, will allow Texas to maximize the level of size and success that it can sustain.

In short, there’s no changing the fact that water will determine the ceiling of Texas’ growth. The sooner we accept that, the sooner we can balance our water budget once and for all.

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This past September, there was a palpable change in the air during the latter part of McCombs’ signature Undergraduate Career Expo. All seemed ordinary — there was the usual mass of black suits and the familiar buzz of elevator pitches — but there were hundreds of new, non-business faces in the crowd. It was the attendance of these students that had much of McCombs engaged in critical discussion about the implications of opening the Career Expo to all majors for two of the five operating hours, between 3 to 5 p.m. Now that McCombs’ heaviest on-campus recruiting season is primarily over for the year, the chatter has quieted. Though there’s no denying that many business students were concerned about opening their beloved Expo doors, there now seems to be a stigma against business majors for expressing those concerns in the first place. But that’s not a justified judgment.

At first glance, it’s difficult to understand why McCombs’ Career Expo was ever closed at all. After all, the career fairs of every other college have always been open to all majors, including business students. The Expo’s exclusivity barred non-McCombs students from accessing valuable career opportunities. In short, the exclusivity seemed plainly unfair. We’re all Longhorns after all, right?

That’s a lovely sentiment, but it also reveals a shallow understanding of the implications of opening the Expo. When you get to the heart of the argument from the business perspective, it boils down to two main points: money and McCombs’ rankings. All colleges at UT have certain tuitions they ask of their students, and most of those dollars go toward investment in resources specific to that college, such as a top-notch laboratory for the College of Natural Sciences. That laboratory, in turn, goes into CNS’ rankings, which affect a whole list of other things, including the caliber of students and professors it attracts. Similarly, the fact that McCombs is a business school means it invests in Career Services, which include its Career Expo.

Michael Daehne, a 2012 graduate of McCombs, former Undergraduate Business Council president and current Expo recruiter, told the Texan, “I don’t think it would be fair of me to go use the labs Natural Sciences chose to invest in, and the same holds true for liberal arts or communication students wanting to use McCombs’ career services.”

On the topic of money, Daehne also noted, “When this conversation comes up, many tend to ignore the fact that a) McCombs students pay higher tuition than others across campus — specifically for things like top-flight career services — and that b) McCombs itself chooses to invest more in career services programs than most other colleges on the campus. Beyond that, McCombs has historically invested more dollars in career services than the other colleges,

meaning the current career programming — like the McCombs Career Expo — is the result of decades of investment by BBA students.”

The second reason opening the Expo doors was so complicated? Rankings. Top high school graduates choose which business school they want to apply to by looking at national rankings in publications such as Bloomberg Businessweek and US News, and Career Services is a huge factor in determining McCombs’ magic number. In theory, it’s a great idea to let all Longhorns have access to a Career Services as developed and talented as the one offered at McCombs. The fact is, however, that McCombs’ rankings are determined by how well Career Services serve business students, not the University.

Another major reason that business students were so concerned about reopening the Expo: When it was open in the past, recruiter feedback was poor and rankings fell. Career Services wanted to do something to improve McCombs’ rank, so they decided to close the Expo to non-business majors beginning in the spring of 2008. It stayed closed until this past spring.

Despite all the concerns, the University has seen two re-opened Expos in 2013. And as it turns out, both Expos have gone remarkably well. The Expo served 26 more employers and 794 more business students than last year, in addition to 442 non-business students. Career Services also made sure to create new workshops with the College of Liberal Arts and College of Natural Sciences that specifically addressed how to navigate the McCombs Expo.

The question remains: How did the Expo recruiters feel about non-business majors being present again?

“They notice,” BBA Career Services director Velma Arney said. “The reaction is extremely polar — 50/50 survey responses. Some employers love it, and some don’t want anything to do with it and are packing up and leaving. It tends to be companies with large recruiting teams that dislike it because they go to each college’s respective fairs already, but companies with smaller teams [that don’t attend other colleges’ career fairs] favor it because it gives them a wider reach.”

Though the arguments for why the Expo should or should not have opened were extremely compelling on both sides, BBA Career Services turned out to be well prepared and developed enough to serve the entire university’s demand. The numbers say it all. Not only are the initial concerns about Career Services being unable to serve McCombs a non-issue, but Career Services was actually able to serve more business students, and they did it even better than before.

“That’s our goal,” Arney said. “It’s more than just dropping your resume and employers selecting from all the names without a face. We want you to go to the events, go to the programs, and make those connections. While we are involved in the university-wide career services process in a way that we weren’t last year, [McCombs Undergraduate Programs] Dean Platt and I are still going to make sure the McCombs voice is heard.”

*Huynh is a Plan II and Business Honors sophomore from Laredo.*

HORNS DOWN: BETTER ABBOTT’S LAWN THAN EVERYONE ELSE’S



intention is not wasteful or malicious. Such a policy would be unfair even without the drought, since water from aquifers — such as the Edwards Aquifer under Abbott’s Pemberton home — is a public good. Abbott is a classic free rider, exploiting the public good without contributing to its upkeep. That’s a bit of an irresponsible move from a potential future governor.

COLUMN

Shared services will help UT do more work more efficiently



**By Kevin Hegarty**  
Guest Columnist

For more than two decades, state funding at the University of Texas at Austin has been in decline, shrinking from 47 percent of the University’s budget in 1984-1985 to only 13 percent today. Although tuition has risen, our undergraduate resident tuition remains low, ranking second lowest in 2012-13 out of a 12-institution national comparison group.

Overall, this has led to a flat, if not declining, revenue base to cover the costs of operating the University.

With a strained revenue base, the need to raise salaries in order to attract and retain the best talent has meant that, for the past several years, the University has reduced administrative positions. We have reallocated the dollars saved to those who remain, while, in turn, asking them to work harder.

Breaking this unsustainable cycle by rethinking how we deliver administrative services to our campus is my principal motivation for asking the campus to embrace sharing services in the highly transactional process areas of finance, procurement, human resources and information technology.

Shared services was a primary recommendation made by the Committee on Business Productivity, as outlined in its report, “Smarter Systems for a Greater UT.” I am appreciative of the work done by the group, and we have used the report as a starting point from which we have undertaken our own study and review.

Through our review and in speaking with other institutions that have implemented similar processes, we determined that shared services can benefit our campus. Should we move forward to the design and implementation stages, this would mean that some administrative positions would move from the college, department and unit level to a Shared Services Organization.

By sharing services, which will be assisted

by new technology, I believe it is possible to reduce our administrative workforce by 500 positions over a four- to five-year implementation period. With attrition rates of 12 to 13 percent among our administrative staff of 12,000 employees, we believe we can achieve this without layoffs, and that is our goal.

Once fully realized, shared services and the implementation of our new administrative systems are expected to save the University \$30-\$40 million annually, forever.

I have begun using the term “in-sourced shared services” to let the campus know that work currently being done by UT employees will continue to be done by UT employees. Shared services is not outsourcing.

Although outsourcing can be appropriate in certain cases, it does not make sense for shared services. We want UT employees delivering shared services to UT employees. To me, our community and its love for this University is our “special sauce,” and I believe we will serve our constituents better with a staff that understands who we are.

I encourage our campus community to join those of us who believe changing the way we deliver administrative services will benefit our campus. And I will remind those who are working against us that doing nothing is a recipe for the decline of the University and will lead to others outside the University imposing actions upon us.

I’m happy to meet with any University group of any size — even if that means a small group of coworkers who join each other for lunch. I want to help answer the question of what shared services will mean for you, and I’ve found that meeting in person is the best way to answer that question.

General questions can be sent to [transformingut@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:transformingut@austin.utexas.edu). We have responded and will continue to respond to every email we receive.

I believe we all want the best for our University, and I hope that this will unite us as we engage in thoughtful dialogue concerning these issues.

UT-Austin will host its second town hall on shared services Friday at 10 a.m. in POB 2.302 (AVAYA Auditorium). For those unable to attend, the town hall will be webcast as well.

*Hegarty is UT’s Chief Financial Officer.*

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BRAID

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would mean to engage students and community members in how we can perform and enact justice in our daily lives,” Hogan said. “On a grand scale it is performance as a way of interrupting ongoing systems of oppression.”

In “beauty,” a performance piece originally performed in Lagos in April, Ogunji includes African-American women from different backgrounds being brought together by a physical element that connects them all — their hair. Performers will have their hair woven into one braid Wednesday at UT and will remain standing with their hair connected for four hours.

“We thought about the things that would connect women in authentic ways,” Ogunji said. “And those are external things like how we access power through appearance. Then we thought about how much women spend time on their hair.”

Ogunji said she was inspired in part by well-known performance artist Marina Abramovic. In a 1977 performance for film, Abramovic and her partner Ulay tied their hair together and sat back-to-back, connected by only their hair for a 17-hour period. Ogunji wanted to take this idea and place it into the context of Lagos.

“The piece really came to life in Lagos,” Ogunji said. “[The institute] is about envisioning the future and borrowing from the past. We borrow these aesthetics to speak about social change justice and performance art, so it made sense to do this project at UT.”

The first performance in Lagos took place at the Obalende motor park, a busy community transportation center. Alrutz said the park, like the West Mall, is a high-traffic area that generally attracts a diverse population. The idea is to disrupt the everyday flow with a new way of seeing.

“Public performances can disrupt our relationship to place and space,” Alrutz said. “Including our everyday experiences of moving through this campus.”

As a current fellow at the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Ogunji’s performance in Austin is a part of her larger performance series, “Mo gbo mo branch/I heard and I branched myself into the party.”

“Wura has done so much,” Hogan said. “She’s a great advocate within the arts community to build the capacity of the Austin arts scene for women of color.”

“beauty” will premiere on the West Mall on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

PIZZA

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when it began to advertise for the first time since the downsizing.

“Advertising was word of mouth back then,” Chris Strader said.

With a few ads in newspapers and fliers posted on light posts and campus bulletins, the trickle of business began to increase to a flow.

Today, Conans Pizza looks completely different than it did when the first flier printed. The franchise computerized its entire system a few years ago, opening up opportunities for data analysis. One of the franchise’s current projects involves tracking which

neighborhoods underperform when ordering pizza. Just last year, the Conans Pizza franchise opened its first office off 41st Street and is in the process of designing an Android app, which should appear on the market within the next few months.

“Millennials are a moving target,” Chris Strader said. “A totally different demographic than what we were dealing with in earlier years.”

Conans seems to have adjusted accordingly.

“As far as West Campus goes, it’s the best pizza, bar none,” sociology junior Matt Altman said. “I’ll keep coming here as long as I’m in Austin and craving a slice.”

GLASS

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product to channel users through Glass.

Some of the biggest news coming from this unveiling is that Google will expand the Explorer Program to new users. The original Explorers are each allowed to invite three people to become new Explorers. Both new and old members of the program will receive the newer version of Glass, with original Explorers sending their devices back to Google to swap for new units.

ABI Research estimates the global market for wearables will reach \$6 billion within five years. While Glass is gaining much more traction than initially expected, it still has some hurdles to overcome in terms of social norms. In a recent Statista survey, only 10 percent of respondents said they would buy Glass, while a whopping 45 percent say it would be socially awkward or uncomfortable to wear Glass. Many expect a consumer version of Glass to be on retail shelves by mid-2014.

**Rumor Mill: Bigger, Curvier iPhones**

It’s been several weeks since



Massimo Pinca / Associated Press

A woman shows an application for Google Glasses that translates natural language to sign language during its official presentation at the Turin Egyptian Museum, Italy. This solution will allow deaf people to completely enjoy the museum experience.

Apple released the iPhone 5C and 5S, and that can only mean one thing — new iPhone rumors. According to a report from Bloomberg, there will be new 4.7- and 5.5-inch variants of the smartphone with curvy LCDs. This is not the first report claiming 2014 iPhones will be bigger. The Wall Street Journal recently claimed Apple has been testing devices between 4.8 and six inches. Curvy

screens are becoming somewhat feasible for mass production, with Samsung and LG having already unveiled curved smartphones.

Last year, reports surfaced that Apple made huge investments into struggling LCD manufacturer Sharp in order to wean itself off of using Samsung-manufactured internals in its devices. This is particularly significant in Austin, as Samsung’s local

semiconductor manufacturing plant has traditionally provided millions of chips to the Cupertino giant. Apple will shift at least a portion of production to New York-based GlobalFoundries. This is partially because of the recent legal battles between the smartphone makers, but it also makes good business sense as the company tries to diversify its supply chain.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Sophomore Javan Felix made big contributions late in the Longhorns' 84-77 win over Southern Alabama on Tuesday night, hitting two crucial free-throws and finishing the game with 16 points.

Texas rallies past USA

By Stefan Scrafield  
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Its jerseys are red, white and blue. The team shows up on the scoreboard as USA, and with the way Southern Alabama shot against Texas in the first half, it might have been the Dream Team. But there are two halves in basketball, and after making a few defensive adjustments, the Longhorns were able to erase a 17-point half-time deficit to come back and defeat the Jaguars Tuesday night, 84-77. "We just started the game without any pride or focus," junior forward Jonathon Holmes said. "We didn't want

to come out of the locker room flat again in the second half, so the upperclassmen just made sure we got it together and came out strong in the second." Texas was led by Holmes, who had a career-high 23 points and nine rebounds on the night, including 15 points and six rebounds in the second half. "I've been working on my shot every day," Holmes said. "I'm trying to get better out there all the time, and I think that showed tonight." After trailing by as many as 17 points late in the first half, Texas clawed its way back, chipping away at the lead throughout the second

half. Down two points with just over two minutes to go, sophomore guard Javan Felix was able to get to the free-throw line and make both his shots to tie it up at 77-all — which proved to be the beginning of the end for the Jaguars. The Longhorns would go on a 7-0 run from there to seal the victory. "That's another big comeback for our team," head coach Rick Barnes said. "I thought the pace that we played with in the second half, that's the way we want to play. In the first, we were just out there running around, but in the second, we played with a purpose." Once again, Texas'

comeback started with a switch from zone defense to man-to-man. After his zone approach struggled to defend the three ball in the first half, Barnes made the switch to man-to-man in the second. "The switch to man made a big difference," sophomore post Prince Ibeh said. "It made it easier to contest the three-point line. When we're playing from behind, it's tough to play a zone, so we didn't have much choice but to play man." At 2-0, the Longhorns are not complaining, but Barnes and the team won't want to make a habit of these come-from-behind victories.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Horns to face Bobcats for first time since '06

By Rachel Wenzlaff  
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At Texas' last meeting with Texas State in 2006, the Longhorns beat the Bobcats 74-55. But that was seven years ago, when Texas was ranked No. 25 in the country. Head coach Karen Aston knows her first year back at Texas was less than impressive, finishing second to last in the Big 12 with a 12-18 record. "We're not where we need to be, and I don't think any coach would tell you that in October at this point," Aston said. But the comfort level that has been established between the players and coaches is something that can give Texas fans hope for this season. "Our staff, I can't compliment them enough for how much time they have spent trying to get to know the current players [and] the returners to make up for the lost time in recruiting," Aston said. "[There's] absolutely more comfort." That comfort translated to the court in the Longhorns' season opener against UTSA when Texas secured a 63-42 win. Senior guard Chassidy Fussell and sophomore center Imani McGee-Stafford both had a double-digit game. Their accuracy is what really made the pair stand out, though. Fussell shot 41.7 percent from the field, 2-for-3 from the three-point line and 6-for-6 from the free throw line. She led the team with 18 points. McGee-Stafford posted a 75 percent field

goal percentage, notching her 14th career double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds. "Last year, she [McGee-Stafford] was our 'big baby,' and you can definitely see in practice that she's grown and matured and learned that she's going to have to step up," junior forward Nneka Enempkpa said. The Longhorns lead the all-time series with the Bobcats 23-5 and have won the last 18 meetings, but as far as experience goes for the current teams, the Longhorns and Bobcats are pretty evenly matched. Both teams are still relatively young: Eight of 14 Texas players are either freshmen or sophomores, compared with eight out of 13 Texas State players. Although this is Texas State head coach Zenarae Antoine's third year in the position, her first season was far more successful than Aston's. In her first year with the Bobcats, she transformed a 9-20 team into a 17-14 team, leading one of the best comebacks in Texas State history. Since coming to San Marcos, she has established an up-tempo style the Longhorns will need to keep up with tonight at 7 p.m. in the Frank Erwin Center.

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FOOTBALL

De La Torre embraces his role

By Garrett Callahan  
@CallahanGarrett

For most of his football career, sophomore fullback Alex De La Torre was in the forefront. In high school, De La Torre played linebacker and was often in the spotlight for the 385 tackles, 20 sacks and four interceptions he recorded through his last three seasons. But after being recruited on defense, he became a fullback for the Longhorns and, like most in that position, moved to the background. "I was a little surprised at the very beginning, but my dad is a head coach, so I've been told to be a team player and sacrifice," De La Torre said. "So I said I was all for it." "Day-La," as his teammates call him, learned to embrace his new position. He said he plays about an average of 14 plays a game, but he's learned the in-and-outs of his new spot and how to make the most out of the limited action. De La Torre has also used his defensive skills to his advantage. The tough and gritty linebacker attitude he learned to play with didn't diminish once he stepped over to the

offensive side of the ball. "It's a real blue collar [position]," De La Torre said. "You just have to keep on grinding in practice. You're pretty much just a small O-lineman. That's how it is really. I've really embraced that type of blue-collar mentality, and I've tried to take that linebacker mentality and bring it to offense." Embracing that mentality has worked out so far for the 6-foot-1-inch, 233-pound athlete. After apprenticing under Ryan Roberson his freshman year, De La Torre learned the trade and gained the fullback role this season. He recorded his first career rush for 19 yards on a fake punt against Kansas State, and his first career reception could not have come at a better time. Last Saturday, he snatched a goal line pass from Case McCoy against West Virginia for an overtime touchdown. "I was really excited for him," senior offensive guard Mason Walters said. "Alex, playing that fullback position, doesn't get a lot of recognition, and I know he's a guy that works extremely hard, so I was really excited to see him score not only the touchdown, but [it was] a big point in the game too. [It]

really helped us out and [I was] excited for him." The new fame he gathered came fast and caught De La Torre by surprise. Since he had never experienced a college press conference, when his name was called for the post-game interviews, he had a few things backwards. "He went to the media afterwards, and you never think about this, but what do you do?" head coach Mack Brown said. "I said, 'They'll tell you what to do when you get in there.' He said, 'Do I ask them? What do I-.' I said, 'Just go out there and sit, and they'll ask you questions.'" Although he is in the background on the field, De La Torre has become quite the star in the Twitter world. The Denton, Texas, native enjoys his time on Twitter so much that his teammates had to limit the amount of action he could spend on the social media site after grabbing his first career touchdown. "We gave him a hard time," Walters said. "He likes his Twitter, so after the game, we told Alex to limit it to one [tweet] tonight, and then we'll [lift] that restriction on a later day. It's just all in good fun."



Sophomore fullback Alex De La Torre made the most of his opportunity against West Virginia last weekend, catching the game-winning touchdown in Texas' 47-40 overtime win.

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PSST!! HEY KID!!!

MIGHT I INTEREST YOU IN

A HUG?!

HUG THIS GAL →

Oh thank god...

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TIME TRAVEL DOG

I HAVE TO SAVE THE DAY!

BUT I'M A JUST ONE DOG!

THIS IS A JOB FOR A HUMAN!

DOOM!

BOOM!

DO NOT REPEAT TO ME!

CODY BUBENIK

NEXT TIME TIME RUFUS SOLVES THIS MYSTERY! TUNE IN NEXT MONDAY!

Hi Orzy, ready to go?

Excuse us for a sec.

Uh

What is this stuff?

bubble wrap chicks love bubble wrap

Well...

I think this could work out

Smin Later

Hmm...

Guess I was wrong

Desiree Ayla-Don't Judge

CANDLEBOT COMICS: GREAT MEMORIES

omg you guys this picture of me is GREAT!!

YEAH!!

I want them to show this at my FUNERAL it'll be AWESOME!!

...SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED, BUT HER LIFE WAS LONG AND FULFILLING...

AND HER LEGACY... IS TRULY MEMORABLE.

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hey did you hear? the Daily Texan's Comics page artists have an art gallery this week!

It's in the Flood Gallery on the 4th floor of the Art Building!

art gallery ... pfft more like fart gallery! ha ha hah ha

COME SEE OUR ART

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SUMMER PART 2 of 3

HEY, ANDREW, HEY, WHAT'D YOU THINK OF DAVID'S MOM?

HEY, YEAH, WHAT'D YOU THINK ABOUT HER TITTIES?

HAHA!

HAHAHA! TITTIES!

DAVID, THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR MOM.

YEAH, WELL AT LEAST THEY DON'T HAVE RAGING BONERS!

HAHAHA!

HAHAHA!

I DON'T HAVE A BÖNER...

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Just you wait! Before you know it, these'll be the next big thing! You can Forget about bikes!

I'm just saying— it's dangerous and...just idiotic!

You NEVER support my ideas!

At least see if you can get them to start going.

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Today's solution will appear here next issue

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FOOD

Deep dish roots for Conans

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On a hot, summer day in June 1976, Jerry Strader and Scott Leist drove into Austin. The pair looked like the thousands of other young people in Austin, digging the sun, football and Willy Nelson. But the two arrived in the capital of the Lone Star State on a mission.

“My dad and Scott were driving west, trying to find the perfect town to start a pizza place in,” said Chris Strader, current operations supervisor for Conans Pizza.

After graduating from the University of Florida, Leist and Jerry Strader were overcome with a case of pioneer wanderlust. The two friends decided they wanted to find a place to settle down in. After walking across the graduation stage, they packed up everything they owned into their vans and headed west, never once in doubt about how they planned to make a living.

“My father studied business in school, and his partner had studied accounting,” Chris Strader said. “They had both worked at pizza places that were huge hits in their town. They thought to themselves, ‘I can totally run a pizza place,’ and they did.”

The pair planned to continue moving west until they found the ideal place to start cooking deep dish pies, moving from one college town to another. But their search ended when they realized they had found a new home in Texas, a place where Conans Pizza could flourish.

“They would have kept going to California,” said Carley Strader, Jerry’s



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Mark Pulliam and his son, business sophomore Charlie Pulliam, eat a deep dish pizza at Conans Pizza on Tuesday evening. Conans Pizza opened on July 19, 1976 and currently has three different locations in Austin.

daughter and an employee at Conans’ corporate headquarters. “But Austin proved to be perfect.”

With a large, youthful population, a thriving music scene and glorious weather, Austin was the perfect place for two men to spend their 20s. But more importantly, the town was completely devoid of any pizza joint close to the quality they had become accustomed to back in Florida.

“It was a pizza wasteland,” Chris Strader said. “I mean, c’mon. Conans was the first place to actually cook pizza in a dish.”

On July 19, 1976, Conans Pizza opened for business.

There was a line stretching down the sidewalk on the opening day, and enthusiasm for the new eatery did not wane. UT students continued to line up by the dozens, eagerly waiting their turn to get their first taste of Chicago style, deep dish pizza. After six months, the tiny 800-square-foot store became so crowded that it had to double in size.

People also flocked to the original shop at 29th Street and Guadalupe Street to see the crazy decorations. Jerry Strader and Leist, both huge comic book fans, decided to name and decorate their business after Conan the Barbarian. Walls and

tabletops were, and still are, adorned with the visages of the hulking warrior with various damsels and demons.

By 1986, there were eight Conans locations around the city and a massive commissary warehouse had been built. Profits continued to rise, and there were plenty of opportunities for further expansion. But then the property market in Texas collapsed, one of the devastating shockwaves from the savings and loan crisis.

After years of prosperity, Conans was left reeling. The huge investment in the commissary warehouse disappeared, and the halved profit margins required shutdowns

and firings on a large scale.

“We had to downsize,” Chris Strader said. “We just didn’t have the money to keep things running, and by the end, there were only three locations left.”

One of the worst things that came out the downsizing was the loss of the Conans location on the Drag, where Kerbey Lane resides today. When it was open, that location was where students went to grab a slice, see friends and have a nightcap.

It took 13 years for Conans Pizza to regain its momentum. The first major change in its policy occurred in 1999,

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TECHNOLOGY

Software for Google Glass gets an upgrade



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All eyes are once again on Google. The tech giant recently revealed a second version of the Google Glass device which includes upgrades that members of the Explorer Program, the first group of individuals who get to try and test Glass, gave feedback on. A single earbud was added for better sound quality in noisy areas. Another important hardware upgrade is the ability to wear Glass with prescription lenses. Wearers will reportedly have the ability to clip the camera-computer portion of glass onto their regular glasses.

Among the many software upgrades coming to Glass is the integration of music services. Google made a big push in the past year to break into the music scene — challenging Apple, Spotify and Pandora with Google Play Music. Music coming to Glass was just a matter of time, but this could represent a big win for Google as it is yet another in-house

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TELEVISION REVIEW | ‘GAME OF THRONES’

‘Game of Thrones’ character proves villainous but likeable



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Editor’s note: “Game of Thrones” spoilers below.

The incendiary fourth season of “Game of Thrones” is on the horizon. What better way to celebrate its return than to take a step back from the clash of the Seven Kingdoms and look at one of its most diabolically deadly denizens, Tywin Lannister.

In a mere three seasons, Tywin has mocked his dwarf son for existing, forced that same son to wed the 14-year-old Sansa Stark and instigated the brutal murders of Robb and Catelyn Stark, two of the show’s most admired characters. The Lord of Casterly Rock, with his thinning blonde locks and fiery temper, has done little to earn sympathy.

So why is it that one of George R.R. Martin’s most hateable characters is also one of his most likable? Of all the characters in “Game

of Thrones,” Tywin is the only one who knows exactly what he wants and knows exactly how to get it. His deft manipulation of every character he comes across, family members and rivals alike, is uncanny. His cunning shows not only why the Lannisters seem to win at everything, but why they deserve to win at everything.

Another oddity to consider is Tywin’s rocky relationship with Tyrion Lannister. Despite their often inflammatory differences, these two lions are more alike than the rest of their pride. Both are leaders who share a genuine pride for their family. They each have a sense of mercy and a capacity for kindness. Consider the chillingly genial dialogues between Tywin and a clandestine Arya in season two, in which he displayed genuine charm and mercy.

Tyrion and Tywin’s personal war of attrition is motivated by their similitude. Both see their flaws and weaknesses in the other. And for a man like Tywin, weakness is the ultimate embarrassment. Tywin is willing to go to any length to

continue House Lannister’s dominion even if that means destroying an entire family in the process. His motivations are not personal, but generational, displaying a twisted but iron-cast sense of familial preservation that is so uncharacteristic of the traditional fantasy villain. Consider his justification for the atrocities committed at the Red Wedding when he says, “Explain to me why it is more noble to kill ten thousand men at battle than a dozen at dinner.”

Charles Dance brings Martin’s diabolically proud papa to life. His presence is always colossal, largely because of his commanding baritone and brooding enunciation of nearly every line of dialogue he is given. His adversarial wars of words with Peter Dinklage’s Tyrion are among the best the show has to offer.

Regardless of the bloodbaths to come, expect Tywin to raise the sigil of Lannister proudly. Raise your flagon of mead to the old gods, the new and Stannis’ freaky fire god, and get ready for what is going to be Tywin’s best season yet.

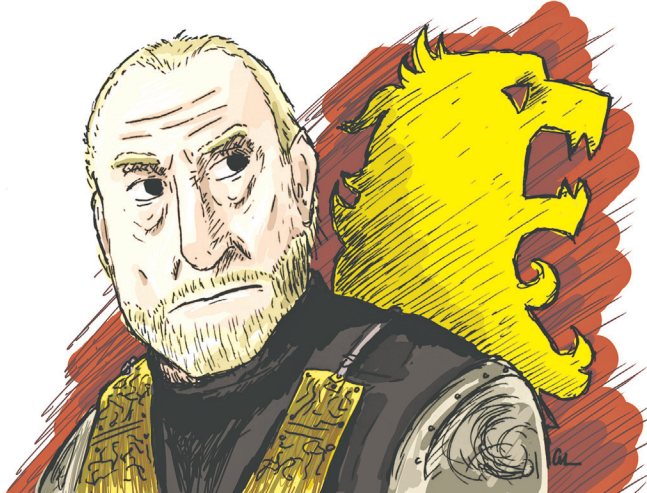


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